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STORY

SHOO
MOHAMMAD ALAI JR.
The genius offspring of the all time boxing great, Mohammad Alai.
BAKI HANMA
This story's hero. He may look like a typical high school student, but he is actually the champion of the underground martial arts arena.
MITSUNARI TOKUGAWA
Head of the Tokugawa conglomerate and manager of the martial arts arena in the basement of Tokyo Dome.

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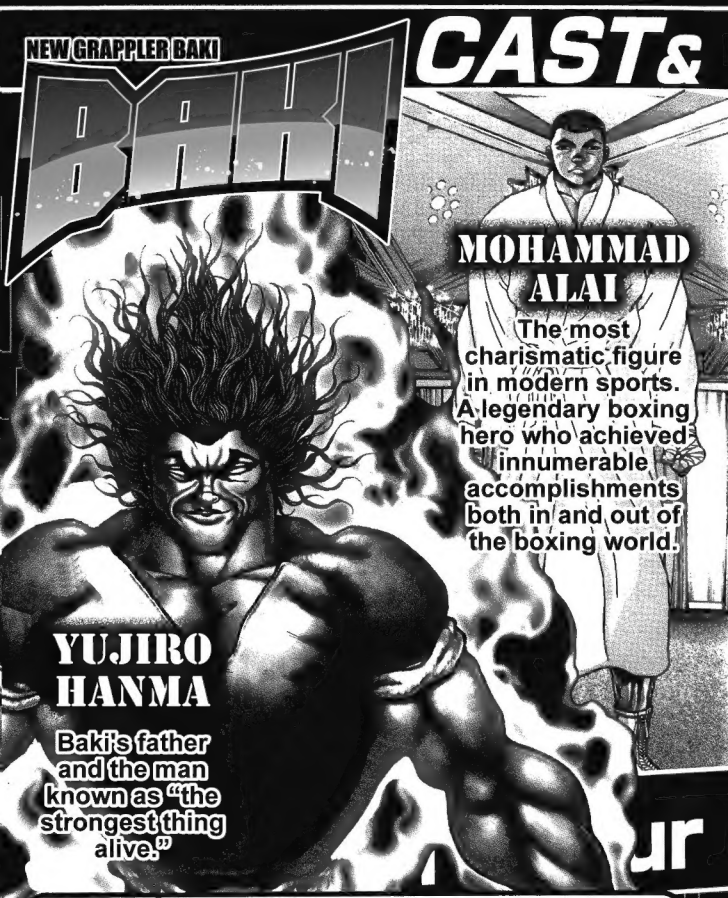

MOHAMMAD ALAI

The most charismatic figure in modern sports. A legendary boxing hero who achieved innumerable accomplishments both in and out of the boxing world.

YUJIRO HANMA

Baki's father and the man known as "the strongest thing alive."

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The story so far...

After sustaining a near-fatal injury at the hands of the five death row convicts, Baki Hanma, champion of the Ultimate Fighters Tournament, was carried off to China to receive specialist treatment. There he competed in the Centennial Tournament, China's largest and greatest martial arts event, held once every 100 years. Baki, his father, and a host of others fought long, arduous battles throughout the tournament. As a result, Baki finally gained the resolve he needed to challenge his father, Yujiro Hanma. However, lying in wait for him upon his return to Japan was none other than the child prodigy, Mohammad Alai Jr., who, having received an invitation to the underground arena from Mitsunari Tokugawa, is ready to take on Baki!!

BAKI

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CHAPTER 269
MY PLACE

白虎
HE'S COMING...
虎
OOOOOOOOOOO-
AAAAAAAAAAAA

AAAAAAA-
AAAAAAA
FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF
THAT DARKNESS...
AAAAAAAAA-
RRRRRRRRR
...A MAN STRONGER THAN
ANY OF THESE MEN...

...IS ABOUT TO APPEAR!
ROOOOOOOOO-AAAAAAAAAAAAA
AND HE WANTS TO TAKE ME DOWN!

FWWWOOOOAAAAHHHHHHHHH

??
??
YUJIRO... HANMA!!

THE STRONGEST THING ALIVE!!
IT'S THE OGRE!
THE OGRE?

IS HE GONNA FIGHT?!
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?!
OOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAA

DOES HE WANT A PIECE OF THE ACTION??
HE'S GONNA DESTROY ALAI JR.!!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

AT LONG LAST...
...YOU'VE FINALLY GOT YOUR FEET BACK ON THE GROUND.
...IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE...
SOMETIME...

...HE'S GONNA BARE HIS FANGS IN MY DIRECTION.
...HE'S ONLY 18...
AND EVEN THOUGH ...

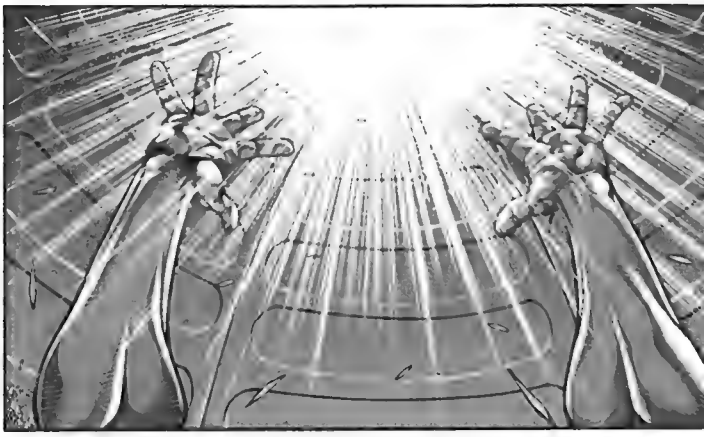
...HE'S FINALLY GETTIN' STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE THAT CHALLENGE.
THAT'S THE KINDA GUY...
...YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIGHT.

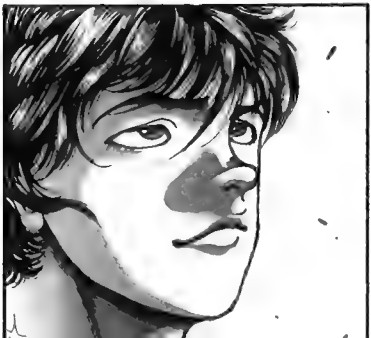
MOVE!
虎

AAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

YOU'RE IN MY PLACE!

RRRRRRRR-
OOOOOOOOOOOO





FIGHT TO THE DEATH!
OOOOOOOOOOOOOO-
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

THEN COME AND FACE ME!!
OOO-HHH...
OOOOOOOAAAAAA
OOOOOOOOOOO
AAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRR

AAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

STEP ASIDE.

RRRRRROOOOOO

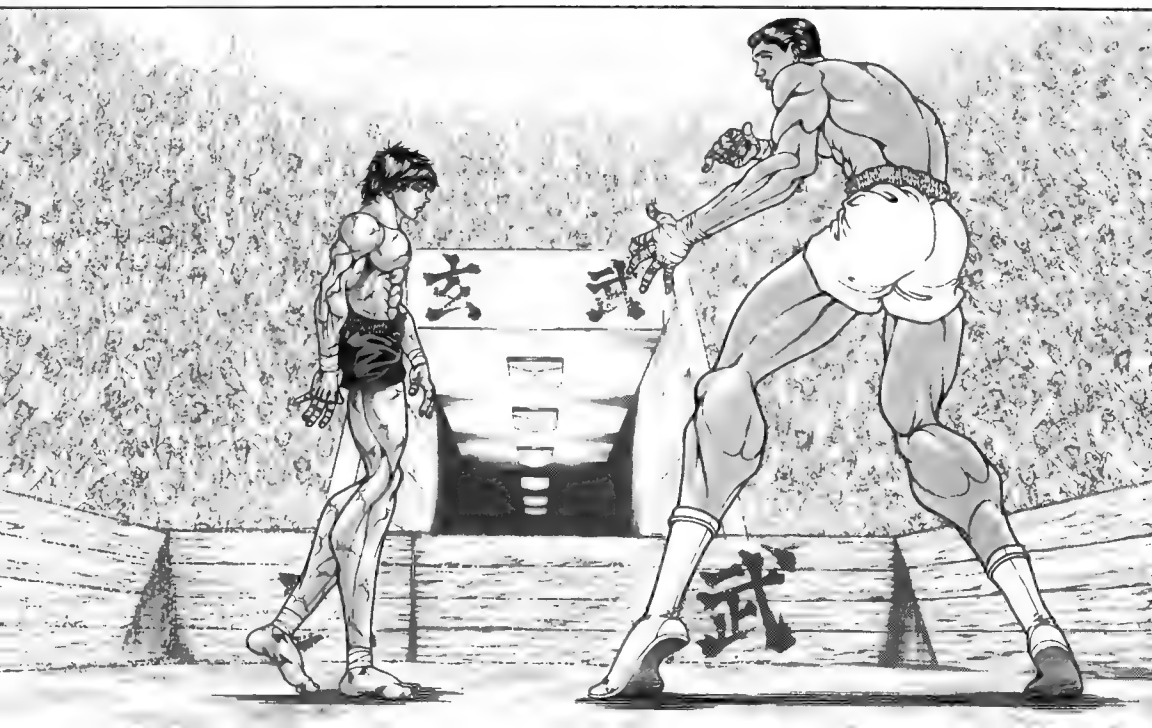
RRRRRROOOOOO

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAA

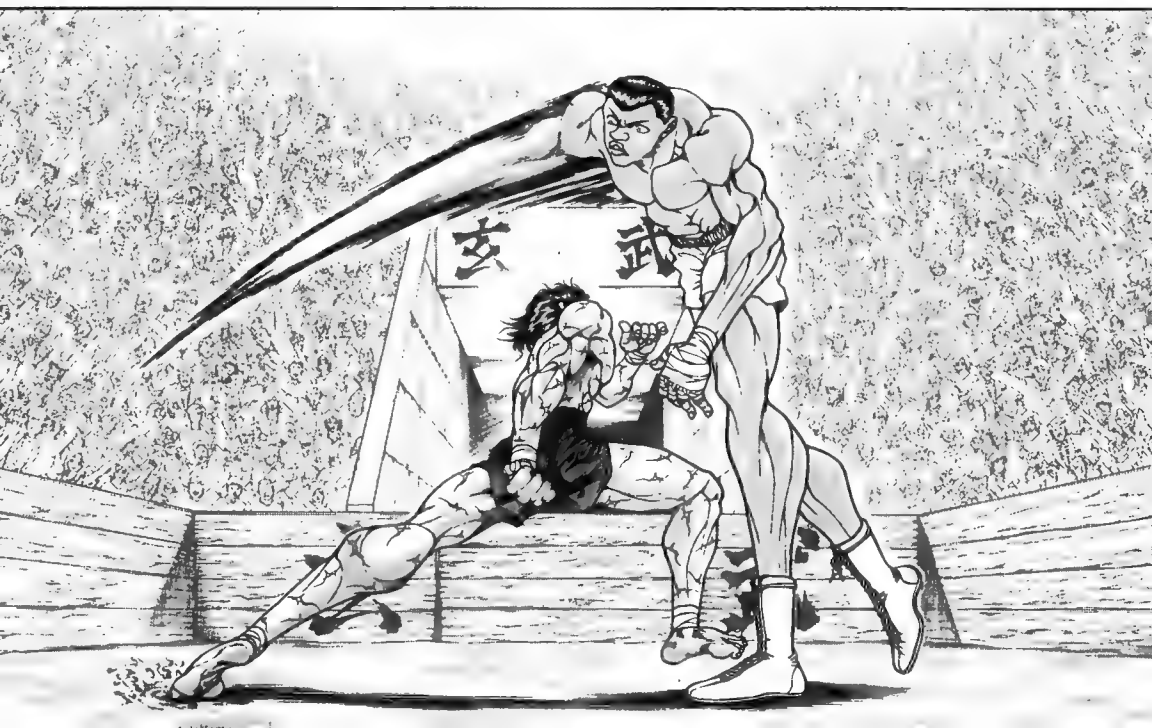
BEGIN
!!
BAANNN-
GGGG
DOOOOOOMMMMMMMMM

SHOO
DOOOOM

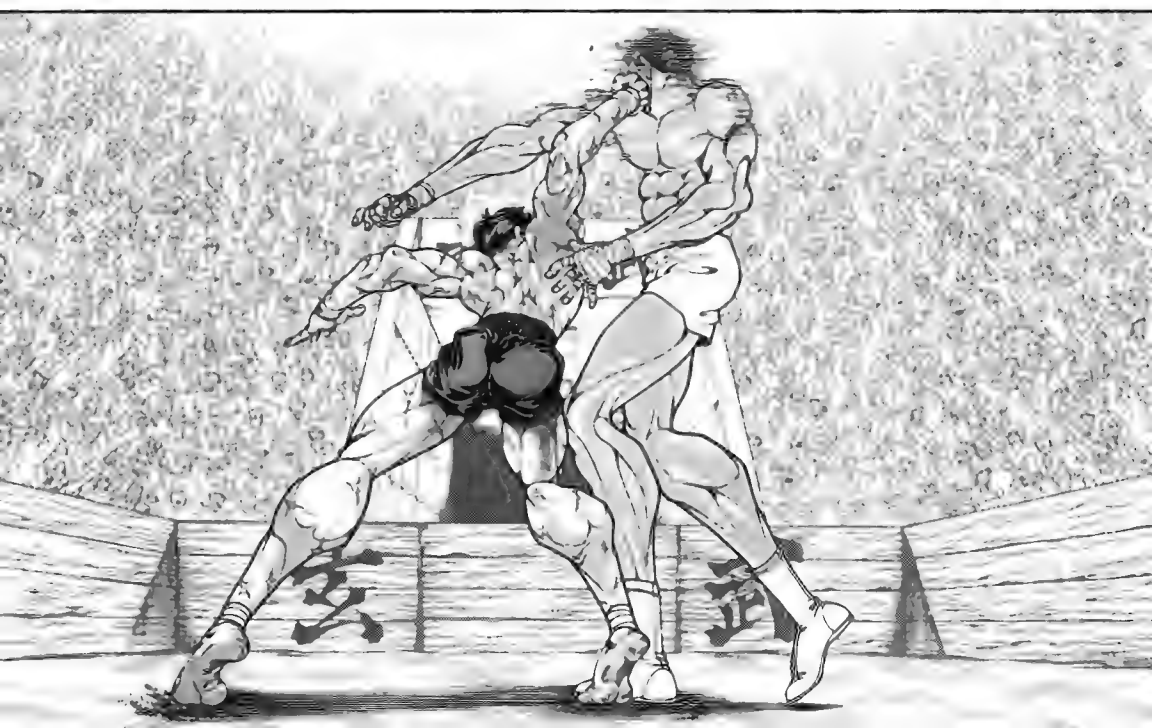
CHAPTER 270
CHAMPION

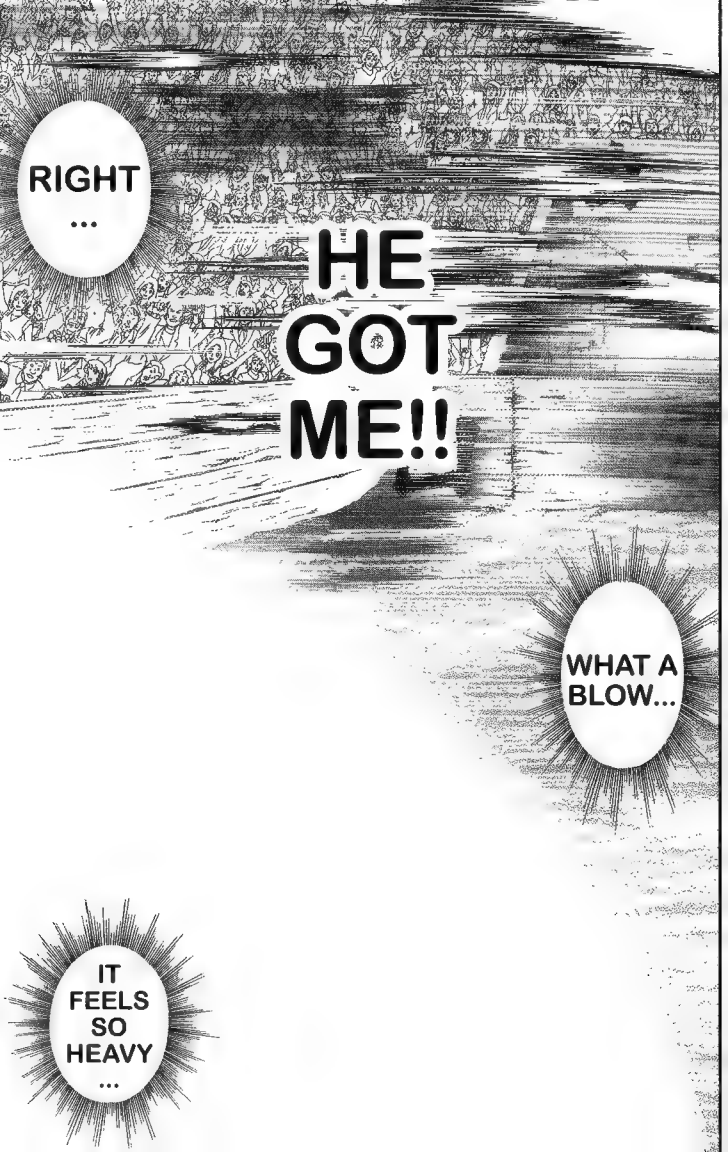

玄武
武

白虎
HE'S HERE...
PUNCH STRAIGHT ...
AND HE'S WITHIN RANGE...
CALCULATE THE SHORTEST DISTANCE...
DON'T BACK DOWN...


玄
武

白虎
RIGHT HOOK!!
I MISSED !!
HE GOT THERE FIRST...
HE'S FAST...
HERE IT COMES ...

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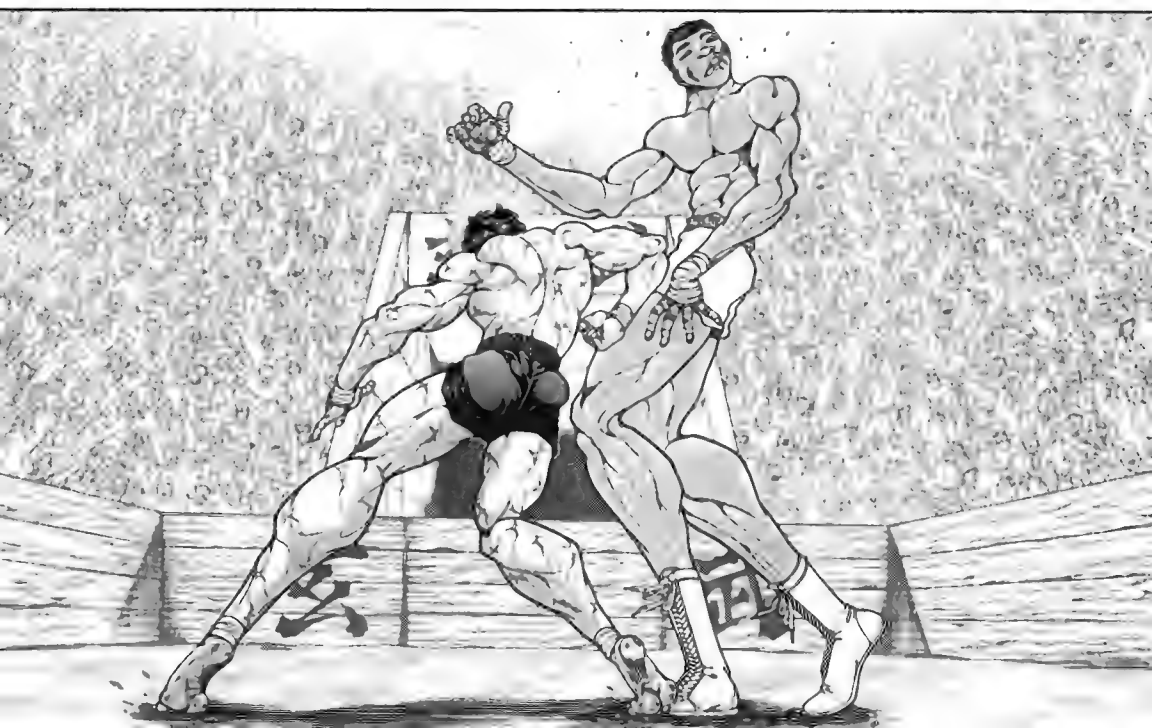
HE GOT ME!!
WHAT A BLOW...
IT FEELS SO HEAVY ...

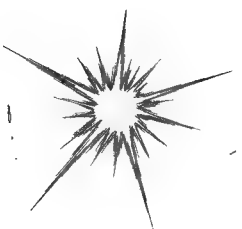


CHAM-
PION...
...!!
HE'S
STRONG...
AM
I DOWN
...?

武

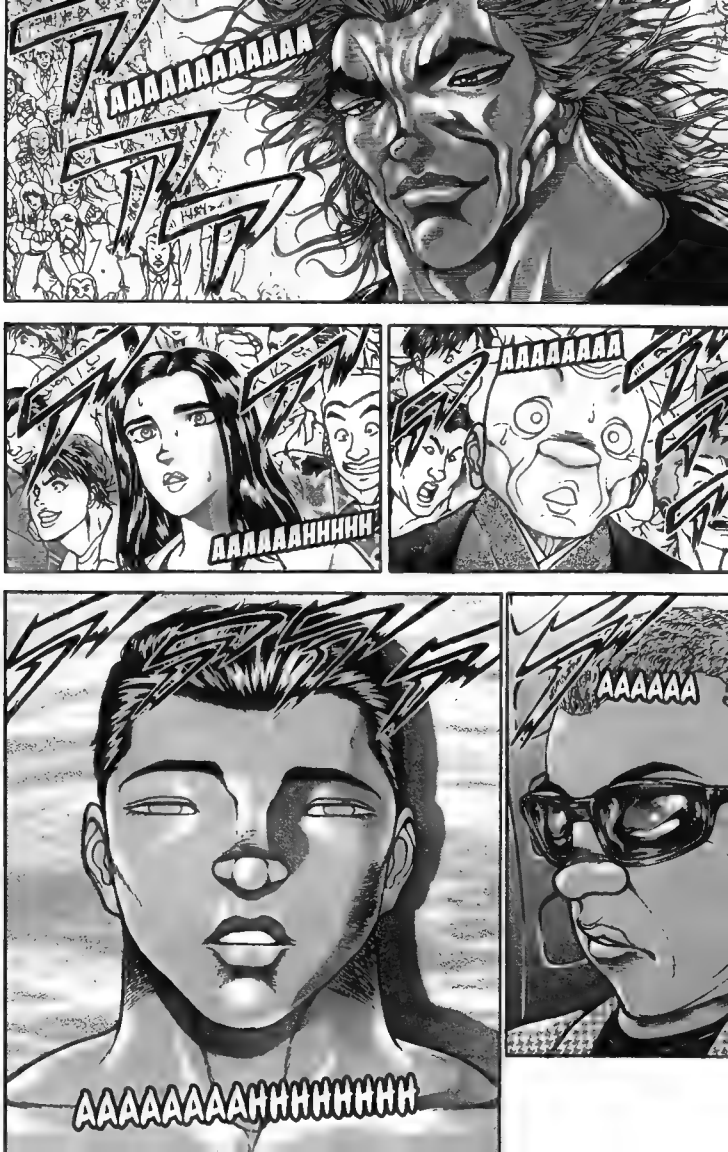
...!!
巨人

玄武



AAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHH
OOOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAA

AAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH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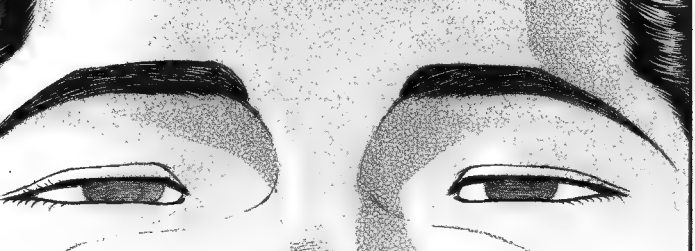
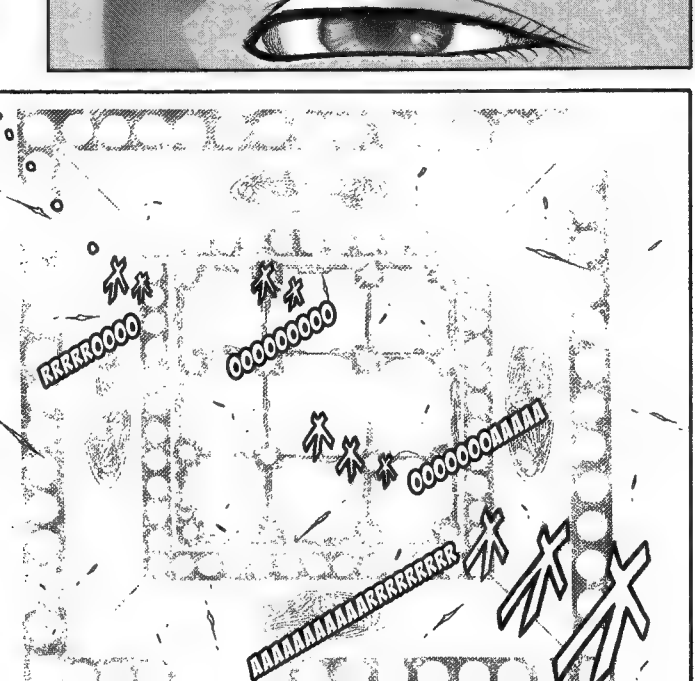
AAAAAAAAHHHHH
AAAAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH

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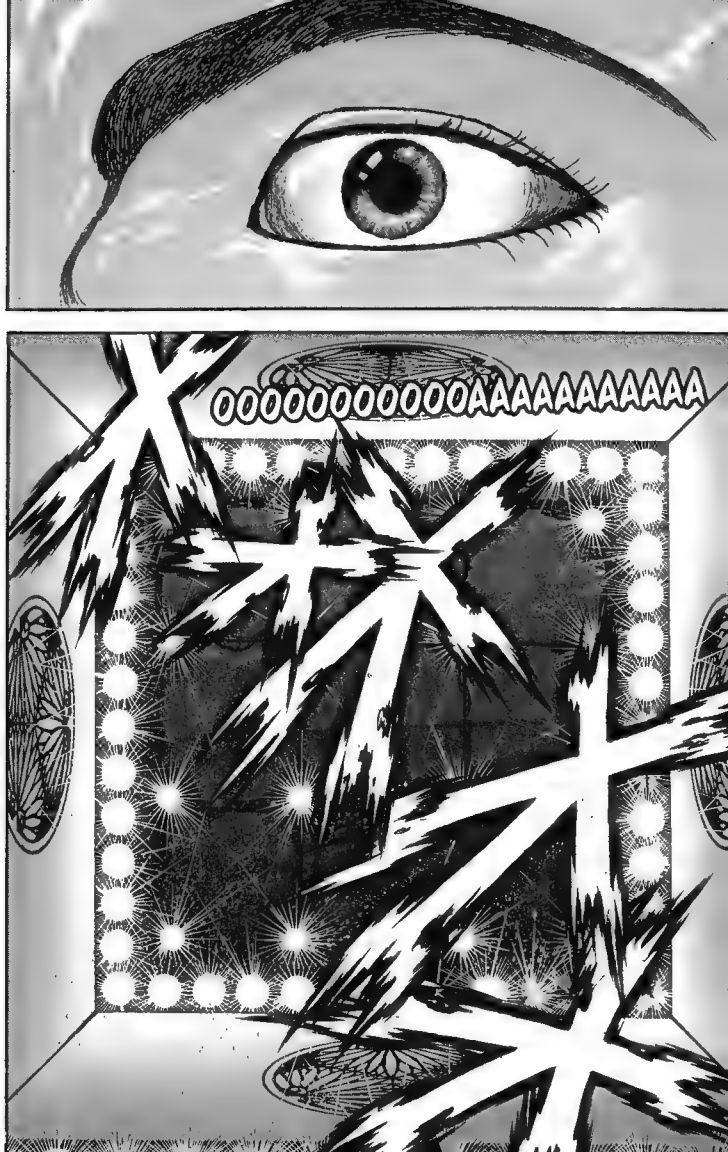
OOOOOOOAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRR


OOOOOOOOOOOOAAAAAAAAAAA

AAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRR
!!
SHOOP
!!

虎
AAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHH
YOU WANNA CON-TINUE?
SO...

CHAPTER 271
FIGHT TO
THE DEATH

YOU WANNA CON-TINUE?

SHOOOP

青
SHOO
YOU MESSED UP.
玄

THAT WAS YOUR ONE CHANCE!
YOU HAD ME DOWN.
NOW I'M...
...FULLY AWAKENED.

I'M READY TO TAKE YOU DOWN!
A FIGHT TO THE DEATH...

YOUR FRIENDS...
JACK HANMA...
DOPPO OROCHI...
GOKI SHIBUKAWA...
THEY TAUGHT ME WHAT A BRAWL IS...
WHAT A MATCH IS...

WHAT A REAL FIGHT IS...
虎
I'M READY!

KILL...
...WITHOUT BEING KILLED..
虎
SHOO

MY DAD REACHED A LEVEL...
...WHERE HE COULD HIT AN OPPONENT...
...WITHOUT LETTING THEM LAND ONE STRIKE.

THEN HE TOOK IT ONE STEP FURTHER...
HE KILLED...
...WITHOUT BEING KILLED!

EVEN ON THE BRINK OF DEATH...
HE ALWAYS ...
SHOO

KILL

虎

DOOOOMMMPPPHHH

虎

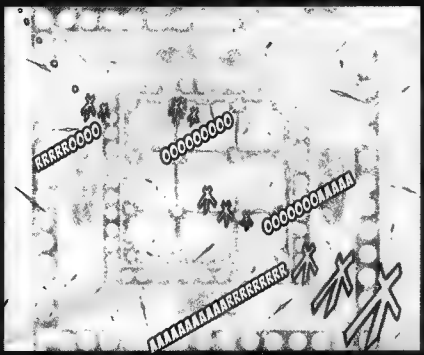
WELL...
YOU'RE ON THE BRINK OF DEATH...

BADDDOOOMMMMPPPPPHHHHH

GRAB
CLUTCH

CHAPTER 272
READINESS

NEW GRAPPLER BAKI


RRRROOOO
OOOOOOOO
OOOOOOOAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRR

CRUUUNNNCCCHHHHH

SQUUUEEEZZZZZEEEEEEE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE

SHOO
ガチ
CLACK
CLACK
ガチ
CLACK

PPPPHHHHHH

GRUUUMMMP

...!!
!!
AAAAAAHHHHHH

玄武

MOHAM-MAD ALAI?!
IT CAN'T BE!
ALAI?
HEY, IS THAT ...??
MUTTER
MUTTER

IT'S MOHAM-MAD ALAI!!
IT IS!!
IS THAT REALLY HIM?!
NO WAY!!

...IS IN THE ARENA!!
MOHAM-MAD ALAI...

I'M SORRY...
THE LEGENDARY FIST...
玄武
ALSO...
IT'S AN HONOR!

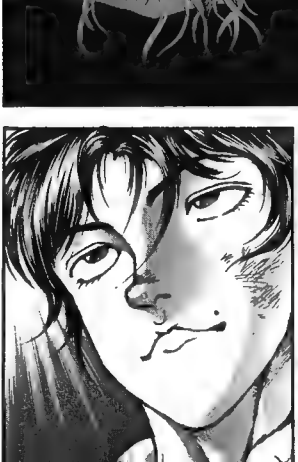
IF YOU HADN'T STEPPED IN THERE...
...I WOULD'VE KILLED HIM.
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
THAT'S THE REASON I HAD TO INTERFERE.

I DON'T REGRET IT, EVEN THOUGH IT'S AGAINST THE RULES.
I DON'T EVEN CARE...
...IF YOU KILL ME RIGHT NOW.

THAT'S WHAT JUNIOR TOLD ME.
KILL WITHOUT BEING KILLED...
...YOU REFUSE TO HAND OVER YOUR OWN.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE YOUR OPPONENT'S LIFE...
HE TRIED TO SURVIVE WITHOUT LETTING ANYONE TAKE HIM

...IT STANDS TO REASON THAT SOMEONE WAS EVENTUALLY GOING TO DO IT.
LIKE YOU WERE WHEN YOU JUMPED DOWN HERE AND BLIND-SIDED ME.
YOU GOTTA BE 100% READY.

DAD...



FIGHT ME!

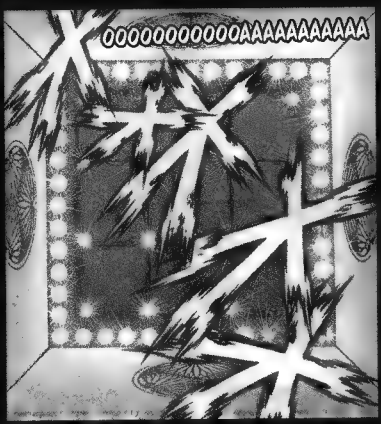
I WANT IT TO BE MY LAST DEFENSIVE BATTLE.
...TO MARK THE END OF MY STORY.
AND I WANT IT...

OOSSSSSSHHHHHHH

FWOOOOOAAAAAOOOO

NEW GRAPPLER BAKI

BAKI



CHAPTER 273
COMPLETION

DOOMP

ふわ
FWOOMMFFFF
青

GRIN

GLARE

DEVOUR FOOD...
虎

DEVOUR ENERGY...
DEVOUR PLEASURE ...
DEVOUR LOVE...
DEVOUR SORROW ...

DEVOUR SCORN...
DEVOUR A FEMALE.

DO IT ALL ENOUGH TIMES...
...AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT...
...EVEN A FRAIL LITTLE KITTEN...

...CAN EVOLVE INTO A LION WORTHY OF HAVING MY GAZE SET UPON HIM.
BUT YOU DIDN'T QUIT THERE.

YOU BECAME STRONGER, FITTER STILL.
OOHH...
HE'S ACKNOWL-EDGING HIM!
OHH...
HE...
YUJIRO RECOGNIZES BAKI AS AN ENEMY!!

AND NOW YOU'RE CLOSE TO ACHIEVIN' YOUR COMPLETED FORM... AS MY PREY.
青

...PREY...
...
HE'S SPEWING OUT A RIVER OF ARROGANCE...
THIS IS NO BLUFF...

...BUT YOU HAVE TO ADMIRE THAT SELF-CONFIDENCE!!

YOU MUST BE GETTING OLD, DAD...
I SAID I WANNA FIGHT YOU!
YOU HARD OF HEARING?
青

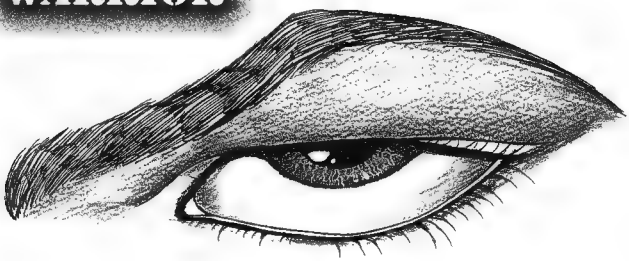
...IS EVIDENCE OF YOUR FRESHNESS.
YOUR IMPUDENCE...
YOU'VE DONE WELL TO ACHIEVE THIS RICH A FLAVOR.
YOU'RE FINALLY WORTH TASTIN'.

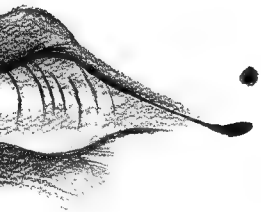
KEEP DOIN' WHAT HE TELLS YA.
YOU'RE DOIN' A GOOD JOB, YOUNG LADY!

KEEP IT UP...
DON'T EVER LET HIM GET BORED OF YA...
雀

DOOMPH
I'LL BE WAITIN'!!
MITSU-NARI...
青竜

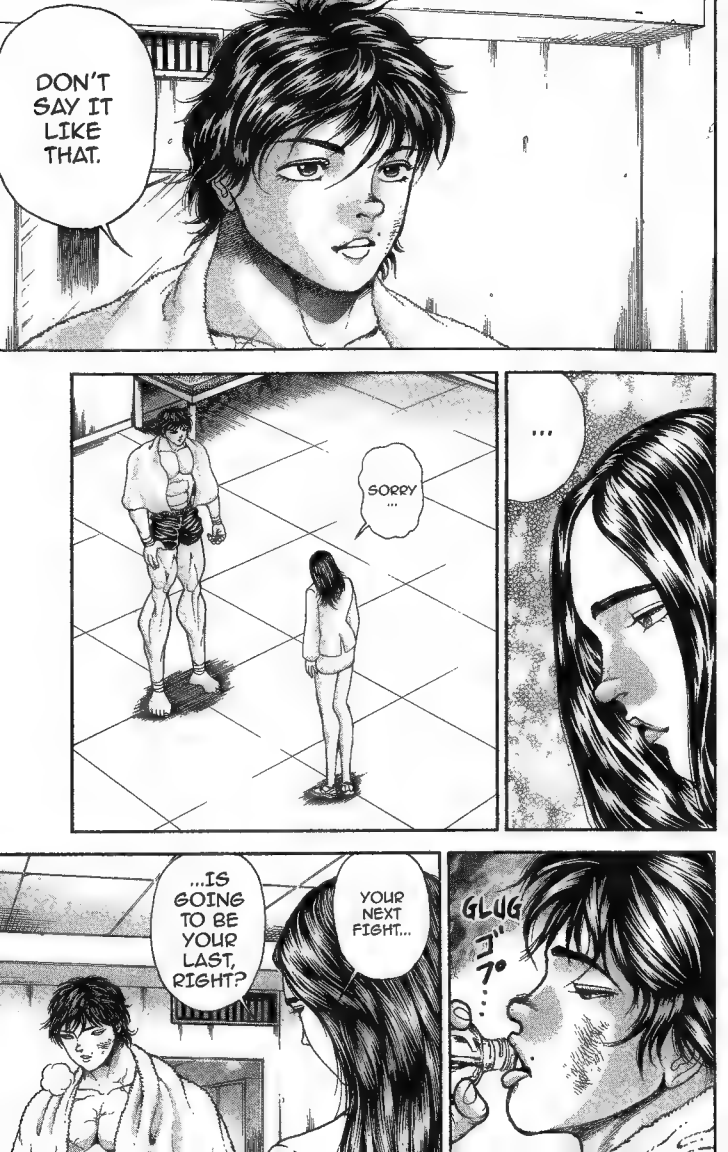
CHAPTER 274
WARRIOR





...BAKI.
YOU'RE REALLY STRONG...
YOU FINISHED THE FIGHT WITH ONE PUNCH.
カヂャ
CLICK

JUST ONE PUNCH!
HE FOUGHT LIKE A WARRIOR.
HE COULD JUST AS EASILY HAVE FINISHED ME OFF WITH ONE PUNCH.


DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT.
SORRY ...
...
YOUR NEXT FIGHT...
...IS GOING TO BE YOUR LAST, RIGHT?
GLUG
ゴク…

GLUG...
GULP...
I CAN FINALLY RELAX!
I'M SO RE-LIEVED!
IT'S JUST A RUN-OF-THE-MILL FATHER AND SON SQUABBLE.
NOTHING TO GET WORKED UP ABOUT.

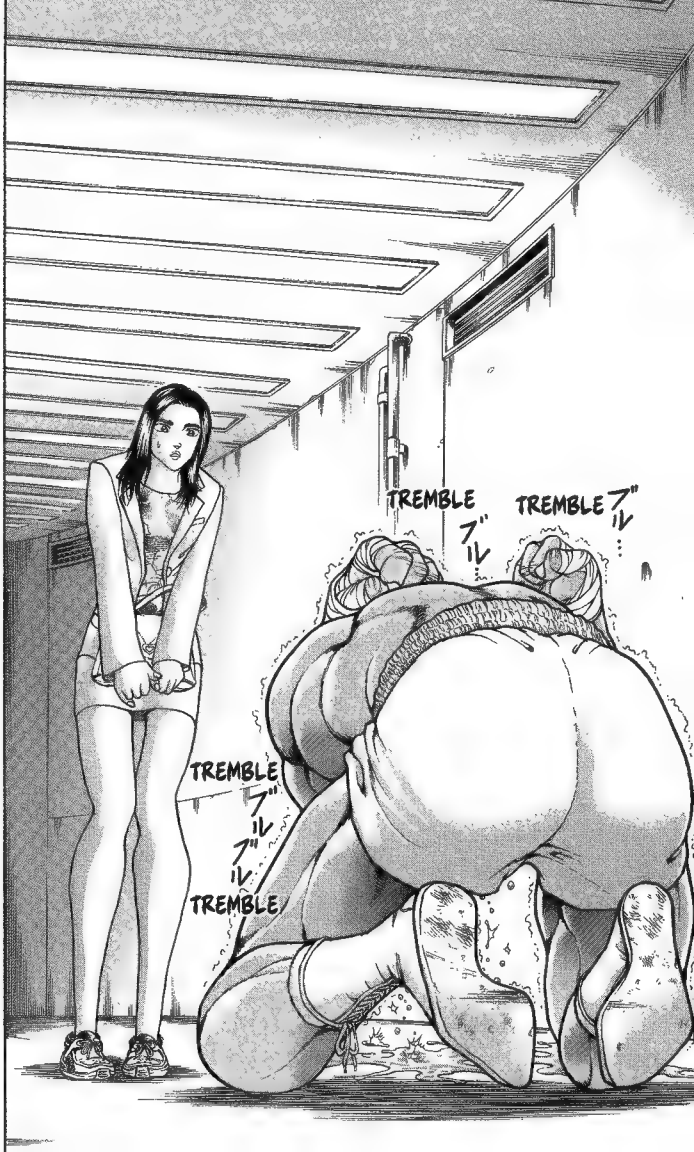
BAKI...
YOU'VE REALLY COME A LONG WAY..
SHUT
I CAN GET HOME BY MYSELF.

PLIP
PLOP
PLIP
PLOP
EEE...
EEE...

EEE...

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
PLOP
PLIP
PLIP
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH
TMP
TMP

EEE...
TMP
TMP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ブル…
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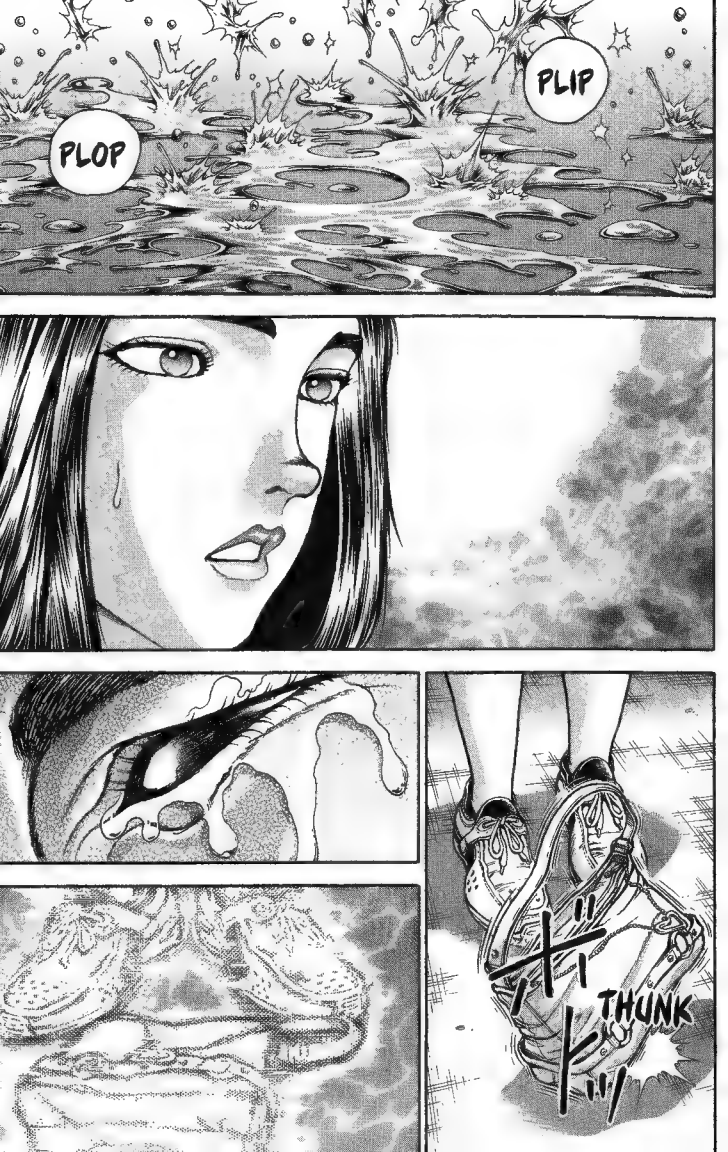
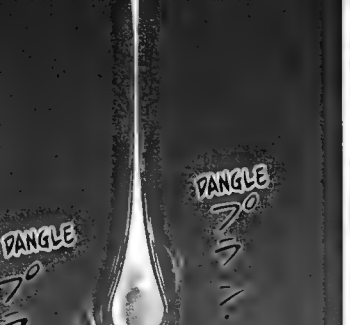
TREMBLE


PLOP
PLIP
THUNK

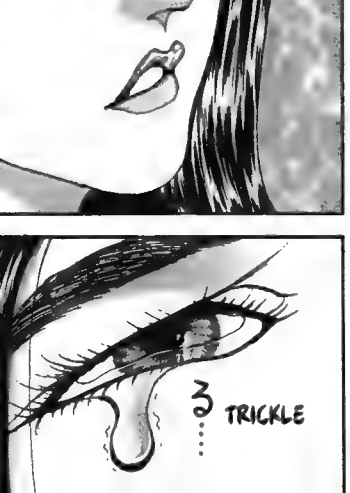
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
YOU'RE

...SUPPOSED TO BE A WARRIOR.
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE

MARRY ME!
DANGLE
DANGLE


DANGLE
プラン…
DANGLE
プラン…

YOU'RE...


3…
TRICKLE

CHAPTER 275
RIGHT TO
CHALLENGE

空手道
KARATE
WHEN YOU'RE WRONG, YOU'RE WRONG...
SHINSHINKAI HEADQUARTERS
SHINSHINKAIKANHONBU
KARATE

WE BOTH GOT IT VERY WRONG.

YEAH.
HE'S TOUGHER THAN WE GAVE HIM CREDIT FOR.

SOME-
WHERE
DOWN
THE LINE
HE GOT
STRON-
GER.
CLUNK
SHIBU-
KAWA...
YOU
THINK
YOU CAN
BEAT
HIM?
THIS...
SIP

...CONSIDERING HOW STRONG IT SMELLS.
...TASTES RATHER GOOD...
7" GLUG 1"
I GOT IT FROM A FRIEND IN OKINAWA.
HABU SAKE ...
I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE WHETHER I CAN BEAT HIM OR NOT.
SLAM

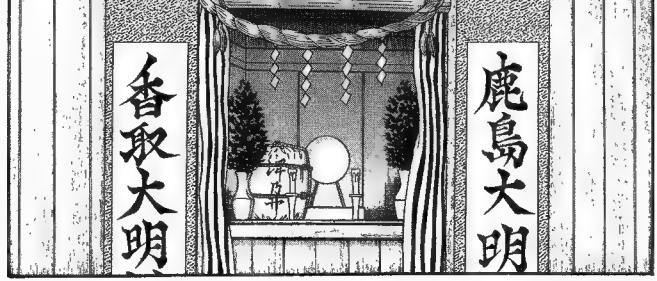
THE OGRE ACCEPTED THE CHAL-LENGE.
HE SAID BAKI'S GOT THE RIGHT TO FACE HIM.
MY MIND'S MADE UP.

HUH?!

IT'S COMPLETELY TRUE
YUJIRO HANMA ACCEPTED BAKI'S CHALLENGE.

HE'LL NEVER DEFEAT A MONSTER LIKE THE OGRE!
BUT...
...

NO...
BAKI'S STRONGER THAN BEFORE.
HE'S ASCENDED TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL.
HE WON HIS MATCH AT THE CENTENNIAL TOURNAMENT IN A MATTER OF SECONDS. AND THEN THERE WAS HIS PERFORMANCE AGAINST ALAI JR....


鹿島大明
香取大明

EVERY FIGHTER... EVERY MARTIAL ARTIST WALKS THE SAME PATH...
HE'S ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING THE WORLD'S STRONGEST.

WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO, KATSUMI ??

...
...

GULP
I SEE...
YES!

...
LEAVE HIM.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT BA...
HANA-YAMA ...
THAT'S THE PROPER ETIQUETTE.
Y-YES...
...

MOTOBE-STYLE JUJUTSU DOJO
IF I'M BEING COM-PLETELY HONEST...
...I DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO SLAY THE OGRE.
WOULD IT BE RUDE IF I AGREED?
AT LEAST PRETEND TO DIS-AGREE!

THERE'S NO ONE ON THE PLANET...

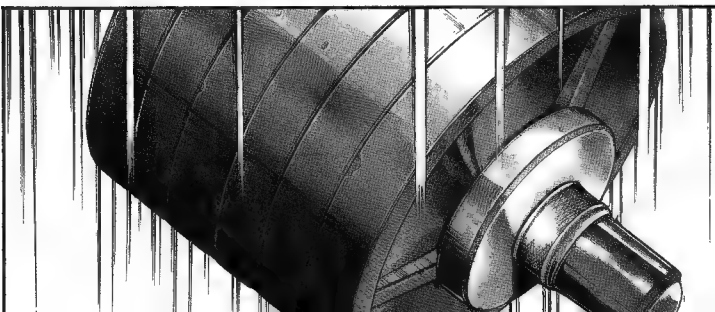
...WHO HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO TAKE DOWN YUJIRO HANMA.

BAKI'S GOTTEN STRONGER.
YES. MUCH STRON-GER.

HMM...
WHAT DO YOU THINK, BROTHER ??
WE'VE BOTH BEEN WRECKED BY BAKI IN THE PAST...

GRAB

FLOAT



SLAM
BADOOOMMMMPPHHH

WHAT DID YOU SAY??

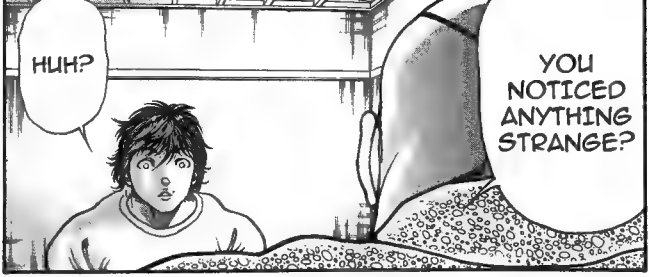
BAKI HANMA CHALLENGED HIS FATHER, YUJIRO HANMA.
BOTH YUJIRO HANMA AND MITSUNARI TOKUGAWA, HEAD OF THE UNDERGROUND ARENA ASSOCIATION, AGREED.

THEY BELIEVE BAKI HAS THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE.

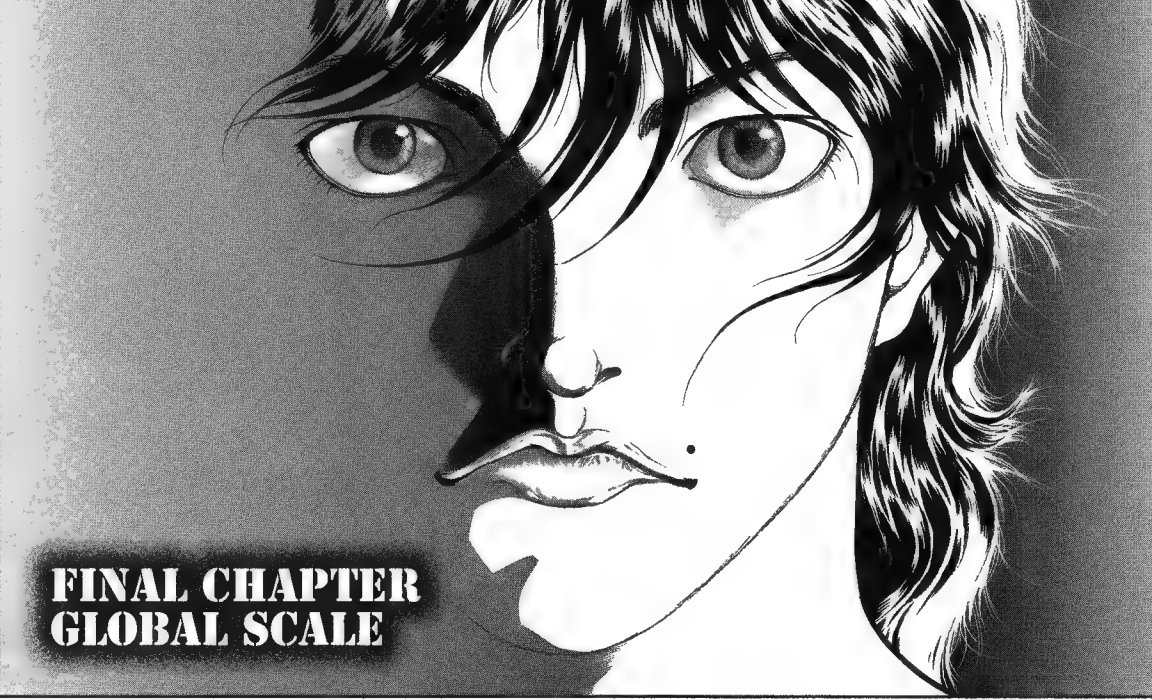
HEH
...
THAT MORON...

YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN GET ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!

DEATH
...
BAKI...
HOW LONG ...
...HAVE WE KNOWN EACH OTHER?
SSSIIPPP
QUITE A WHILE NOW.
YEAH.


HUH?
YOU NOTICED ANYTHING STRANGE?

...HAVEN'T SQUARED OFF EVEN ONCE.
YOU AND I...


FINAL CHAPTER
GLOBAL SCALE

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S STRANGE ??
TWO MEN, BOTH SEEKING TO BECOME THE WORLD'S STRONGEST ...
AND WE'VE NEVER FACED EACH OTHER.
LIVING IN THE SAME TOWN...

...YOU'RE GOING TO SEND YOUR FOOT FLYING AT ME, RIGHT?
THE MOMENT I AGREE...

HMM...
SHUFFLE...
OROCHI ...
I THINK YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG END OF THE STICK.
OHH?

I'M NOT PUTTING MYSELF THROUGH ALL THIS...
...FOR THE SAME REASON AS YOU GUYS.
I'M NOT TRYING TO BECOME THE WORLD'S STRONGEST.

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
IT'S ALL JUST ONE BIG COINCI-DENCE.
HYA HYA HANH
HIS DAD JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE WORLD'S STRONGEST.
THAT'S QUITE THE COINCI-DENCE THOUGH!

YEAH.
TOKYO DOME
QUITE SOME BAD LUCK...
...I'D BE FINE WITH BEING THE SECOND WEAKEST.
IF DAD WAS THE *WEAKEST* LIVING THING...

YEAH. THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.
HE REALLY SAID THAT?
HMPH...
THEN HE TRULY IS DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF US.
IF THAT'S TRUE...
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S HE BEEN DOING DOWN THERE...
...

...ALL THIS TIME?
19:53
HE'S PROBABLY
HE HASN'T MOVED

HE'S WAITING FOR THE IMAGE IN HIS MIND TO TAKE A SOLID FORM.
I'D SAY
KNOW-ING HIS WILL-POWER...
SHOULD BE ANY MINUTE NOW.
...ANOTHER FOUR, FIVE MINUTES.

IT'S COMING.
WATCH.
COM-ING?
...THE LEVEL BAKI'S REACHED.
THAT'S ...
19:58
18:58

HUH?
OHH...
HMM...
OOOH...
!!
OHHH..
WOAH!
...
OHHHHH...

AN IMAGE SO INTENSE...
...THAT EVEN OTHERS WERE ABLE TO VISUALIZE IT.

DAD...
SHOO

I'M READY ...
20:00
20:00

EAST
AFRICA
UNITED
REPUBLIC
OF
TANZANIA
SERENGETI
NATIONAL
PARK

RRRIP
GRRRR...
SLAAAAAAMMMMM

A TIME
DIFFERENCE...

RRRROOOOO-
AAAAA-
RRRRRRRR

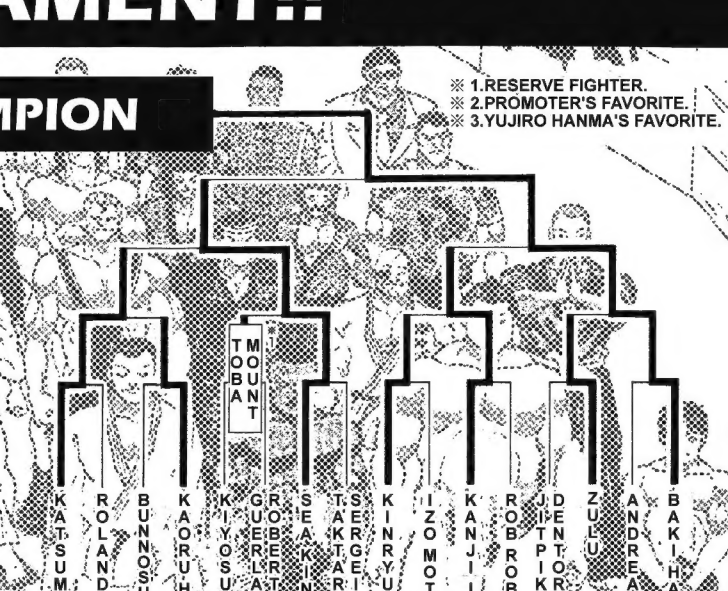
...OF...
FWOOOAAAHHHHHHH...
A BLOOD LUST SO INTENSE THAT IT TRAVERSED THE GLOBE JUST TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED!!
...SIX HOURS!!
BAKI END
BAKI VOLUME 31 END

SPECIAL THANKS

TEAM ITAGAKI: HIDEMITSU URA,
YUI, TORU SHIBUYA R,
OTSU GUNDAM YOROSHIKU,
TORU UTSUKI,
AYUMI HAMASAKI JAPAN,
NAO HOSOYA

The Strong is the Beautiful !!

OK MANGA BY STORM.
TE FIGHTERS
AMENT!!

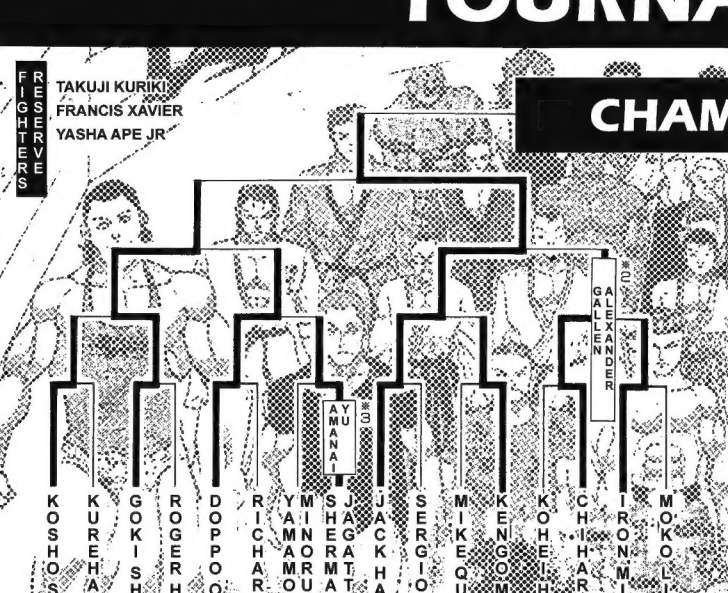


● EVERY MAN AT SOME POINT IN HIS LIFE ASPIRES TO BE THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD.
OF THOSE WHO NEVER GAVE UP ON THAT DREAM, THE 38 MOST POWERFUL GATHERED IN THE MECCA OF MARTIAL ARTS, THE ARENA IN THE BASEMENT OF TOKYO DOME.

THE EVENT THAT TOO

THE ULTIMA

TOURNA



TO DETERMINE ONCE AND FOR ALL WHO THE WORLD'S ULTIMATE FIGHTER IS.
ALL 31 BATTLES OF THE TOURNAMENT WERE PUBLISHED IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN "BAKI THE GRAPPLER," A FEAT THE LIKES OF WHICH HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN SEEN IN THE MANGA WORLD!!

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